Withdrawal of Support to University Education

2150. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a working group to find ways and means to fund, finance, strengthen University education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plans for the 9th Five Year Plan to reduce its support to University education;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for withdrawal of Government support to University education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes. Three Working Groups on (i) University Education; (ii) Technical Education and (iii) Management Education were constituted.

(c) to (e) The size of the 9th Plan and the sectoral allocations are yet to be finalised.

Agro-Economy based Countries

2151. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which have been able to develop themselves by concentrating on Agro-economy and small scale sectors; and

(b) whether non-implementation of proper land reforms is a stumbling-block to develop the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Though it is difficult to attribute 'development' in any country to concentrated efforts on agro-economy and small scale sectors only, it can be said that agriculture and small scale industries played a vital role in generating growth impulses in many countries including India, Pakistan, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Turkey, Brazil, Mexico and Colombia.

(b) Land reform policies that reduce concentration of land ownership, protect tenancy rights & consolidate fragmented holdings tend to promote equity and efficiency. Planning Commission studies also show that difficulties in recorded rights of tenancy in land leads to insecurity and difficulties in channelling technology and credit to small and marginal cultivators. Therefor, it can be said that non-implementation of land reforms fully in some parts of the country has been detrimental to development.

Sun-Shades in Type III Quarters on Baba Kharak Singh Marg

2152. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sun-shades of Type-III Quarters on Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi, which were in poor condition were dismentled about six months ago and have not been replaced yet, despite the monsoon season having passed;

(b) whether any complaints, verbal or written, have been received by the CPWD service centre and whether their response thereto is Lukewarm: and

(c) if so, what immediate steps Government would take to construct new sun-shades, so that walls are not demaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS

AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESHWARLU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that sun-shades or Chajjas which were in poor condition have been dismantled in Type III Quarters at Baba Kharak Singh Marg (Blocks 18-33) to avoid any mishap. In Block 31, 32 & 33 the work has been completed and in other blocks, the work is likely to be completed by March, 1997. Secretary, Resident Welfare Association, Baba Kharak Singh Marg (Block 18-33) has been informed of the position.

Setting UP of Nuclear Fuel Generation Units

2153. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER to be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some Nuclear Fuel Generation units in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such units opened during the 8th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of Government's proposal for opening of new Nuclear Fuel Generation units during the 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The Government of India set up a Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant at Hyderabad in 1972 known as the Nuclear Fuel Complex. Construction of a new plant for augmenting the existing capacity taken up during the 8th Plan, is in the same premises, nearing completion.

(c) There is no proposal for setting up of any new Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant during the 9th Five Year Plan.

Participation of Private Sector NRIs and Foreign Companies in Oil Refinery Projects

2154. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public sector oil companies participating in creating new refinery projects in the country;

(b) whether some public sector and private sector companies, the NRIs and foreign oil companies are interested to set up oil refineries in Orissa and other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of places identified in Orissa to set up oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) New Refineries projects to be set up by PSUs-JVCs are as under:—

Joint Sector

1. Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Limited by HPCL and M/s. Indian Rayon & Industries Limited.

2. Eastern India Refinery as a joint venture of Indian Oil Corporation and Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

3. Western India Refinery as a joint venture of HPCL 9 Oman Oil Company.

4. Central India Refinery at Bina as a joint venture between BPCL and Oman Oil Company.